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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO SENATOR SPARKMAN

1. ALLEN MONTGOMERY, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO SENATOR SPARKMAN, WILL LEAD A GROUP OF 30 POLITICAL, BUSINESS AND CIVIL LEADERS FROM THE SOUTH ON A VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION IN NOVEMBER 1975. MONTGOMERY'S INTEREST IN THIS VISIT STEMS FROM HIS PARTICIPATION IN AN ACYPL EXCHANGE VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION LAST YEAR AND HIS HOSTING A RECEPTION IN BIRMINGHAM FOR A DELEGATION OF SOVIETS THIS SPRING.

2. TRAVEL AND HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE THROUGH GENERAL TOURS OF NEW YORK AND INTOURIST, BUT MONTGOMERY AND SENATOR SPARKMAN HAVE REQUESTED DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING SUBSTANTIVE MEETINGS. MONTGOMERY HAS REQUESTED A MEETING WITH THE USA INSTITUTE FOR 2:00 PM NOVEMBER 6 FOLLOWED BY 4:00 PM BRIEFING AT EMBASSY. MONTGOMERY REALIZES THAT THIS TIMING MAY BE INCONVENIENT, BUT HAS NO OTHER TIME AVAILABLE FOR SUCH MEETINGS EXCEPT NOVEMBER 7 WHICH WOULD BE EVEN LESS CONVENIENT FOR SOVIETS AND EMBASSY. TWENTY MEMBERS OF THE GROUP WOULD ATTEND THESE MEETINGS.

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3. JAMES FREE, WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT FOR THE

"BIRMINGHAM NEWS" AND A MEMBER OF MONTGOMERY'S GROUP,
WOULD ALSO LIKE TO MEET WITH U.S. NAVAL ATTACHE AND, IF
POSSIBLE, A SOVIET NAVY OFFICIAL ON AFTERNOON OF NOV. 6.

4. REQUEST EMBASSY RENDER APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE IN
MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR ABOVE MEETINGS AND INFORM
DEPARTMENT. KISSINGER

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